

SENATE RESOLUTION 223

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize Billy Garrard on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry, providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Principal Billy Garrard of Hardin County Schools is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a highly-respected educator who has been a positive influence on so many young lives, Mr. Garrard will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year after more than thirty-four years of service as the principal of North Savannah Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, a former recipient of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year award, Principal Garrard holds both a bachelor's degree in Business and a master's degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, before becoming the principal at North Savannah, Mr. Garrard was a teacher at Walker Elementary School and will finish his career having compiled forty years of distinguished service with Hardin County Schools; and

WHEREAS, when Principal Garrard closes and locks the door at North Savannah Elementary on May 21, 2010, - the last day of school – it will not only be his final time but will also mark the end of the school itself, as the building will also be closing; and

WHEREAS, Billy Garrard is an extremely talented and compassionate professional who has worked assiduously to motivate generations of students at North Savannah Elementary School to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishment aside, Mr. Garrard is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his beloved wife, Ann Garrard, his devoted daughters, Crissy and Alison, and his treasured grandson, Logan; and

WHEREAS, a devoted fan of the University of Tennessee Volunteers, Mr. Garrard exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community which are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Billy Garrard truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Billy Garrard for his many years of distinguished service to children of Tennessee, salute his professional excellence, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.